

Art Unit: 3749

**(8) Evidence Relied Upon**

GB 1 517 449	WICKRAMASURIYA	7-1978
US 4,557,251	BURKHARDT	12-1985
US 3,939,968	RYDER	2-1978
US 2,847,067	BREWER	08-1958
US 6,263,870	STOUMEN ET AL.	07-2001

SODIS: Technical Note #17, Sodis Bags and Temperature Sensors, 09/2000
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"A SUMMARY OF WATER PASTEURIZATION TECHNIQUES" (Dale Andreatta, Ph. D. P.E.); "Recent Advances in Solar Water Pasteurization and "Enhancement of Solar Water Pasteurization with Reflectors"
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**(9) Grounds of Rejection**

The following ground(s) of rejection are applicable to the appealed claims:

**Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103**

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

**Claims Rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)**

Claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 17-22, 26, 37-39, 43 and 47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **GB 1 517 449** in view of **SODIS Technical Note #17, Sodis Bags and Temperature Sensors**, **US004557251 (Burkhardt)**, **US003939968 (Ryder)** and **US2847067 (Brewer)**.